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Mr. Carl Pollastro  
Director of Technical Services and Project Development  
Interwest Mining Company  
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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: Minor Modification of Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Rilda Canyon  
Ventilation Breakout, Hiawatha Seam, Deer Creek Mine.

Dear Mr. Pollastro:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received on August 23, 2005, a request from Interwest Mining Company to modify the approved R2P2 by requesting a second ventilation portal breakout in Rilda Canyon at the subject mine. This portal breakout is the extension of the 1<sup>st</sup> Right Sub-Mains, Hiawatha Seam, to a surface outcrop located in Rilda Canyon, Emery County, on Federal coal lease U-06039.

Interwest proposes a second portal breakout from existing mine workings (1<sup>st</sup> Right Sub-Mains) to facilitate ventilation requirements for the Mill Fork lease mine area. The previous R2P2 approval granted mining up to the surface of the portal area and one portal breakout. Approval of a second portal breakout will alleviate some critical ventilation requirements.

Interwest's plan for this breakout will be conducted from inside the mine and no surface effect other than the opening would occur. Site security, public safety and mine safety would be assured by the attached itemized plan for this portal breakout.

Recoverable reserves for the lease and LMU will not change. This is a change from the previously approved R2P2 as this area was to be mined at the end of the mine life and with a different configuration. Interwest requests this change to allow for continued longwall development and mining without stoppage currently progressing in the Mill Fork Lease.

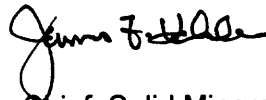
The BLM has inspected the area a number of times (including 20 October 2005). As part of the March 11, 2004 submittal, Interwest showed new mining plans for the proposed Rilda Canyon portals, called 1<sup>st</sup> Right Sub-mains for portal access. Since this submission, alternative

locations for other Rilda Canyon portals have been and are being evaluated. Though we agree in principle for the need for additional portals in Rilda Canyon and the use of 1<sup>st</sup> Right Sub-mains as the access for the portals, we take no action in this approval letter for additional portals (beyond this second ventilation breakout) until the portal locations are finalized and accepted.

This approval of a minor modification to an existing R2P2 is Categorically Excluded from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in that no new surface disturbance will occur from this action as stated in Overview of BLM's NEPA Process, February 1997, Appendix 2, page 2-7 (F)(7).

The modification of the R2P2 complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 3480, and the lease terms and conditions and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the federal coal. The modification to the R2P2, as depicted on Map CM-10899-DR revised 3-9-04, is approved as submitted. A copy of the approved mine map is enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rigby at the Price Field Office (435) 636-3604 or Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,



Chief, Solid Minerals

Enclosures

Rilda Canyon Fan Portal Development Plan (as revised)  
Approved Mine Maps (2)

cc: UT-070, Price, Utah (w/encl.)  
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P. O. Box 310  
Huntington, Utah 84528

## RILDA CANYON FAN PORTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Energy West request approval to develop a single breakout in Rilda Canyon following the plan as outlined below:

- 1) All rock slope development will be from within the mine to the outcrop of the Star Point Sandstone.
- 2) Colluvial material encountered at the outcrop interface will be stored within the mine.
- 3) During the final breakout process, mine personnel will be stationed at the outcrop to warn/prevent unwarranted access and to monitor the area for any unsafe condition(s).
- 4) If any rocks are dislodged as a result of the portal development which impact public safety, Energy West will immediately rectify the situation.
- 5) Warning signs will be installed along Emery County Road #306 to warn the public of the portal development process.
- 6) A temporary fence will be erected around the breakout area to prevent unwarranted access. Fencing materials used will be non-shiny material and/or of a dark color.
- 7) Silt fence will be erected downslope of the portal breakout to prevent additional contribution of suspended solids to the receiving stream.
- 8) Warning signs will be installed along the exterior of the fence, including; NO SMOKING, NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL BEYOND THIS POINT, DANGER.
- 9) No equipment will be used on the surface except for hand tools to remove material to prevent unsafe conditions.
- 10) All slopes, ribs or faces of the opening or unstable areas in the surrounding area will be scaled and secured and supported before completion.
- 11) The exiting brow of the mine opening will be secured and the exit of the mine opening will be posted off with timber and fencing upon completion of the mine development.
- 12) No permanent structures will be constructed until Energy West receives approval from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals at the Department of Interior.



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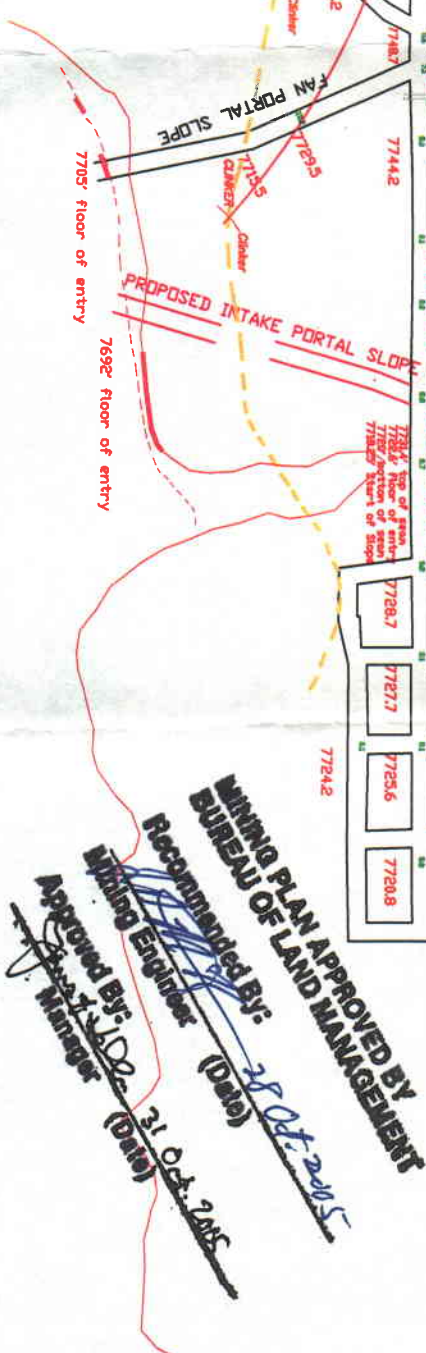
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**MINING PLAN APPROVED BY  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
Recommended By: *[Signature]* (Date) *28 Oct 2005*  
Approved By: *[Signature]* (Date) *31 Oct 2005*  
Mining Engineer  
District Manager

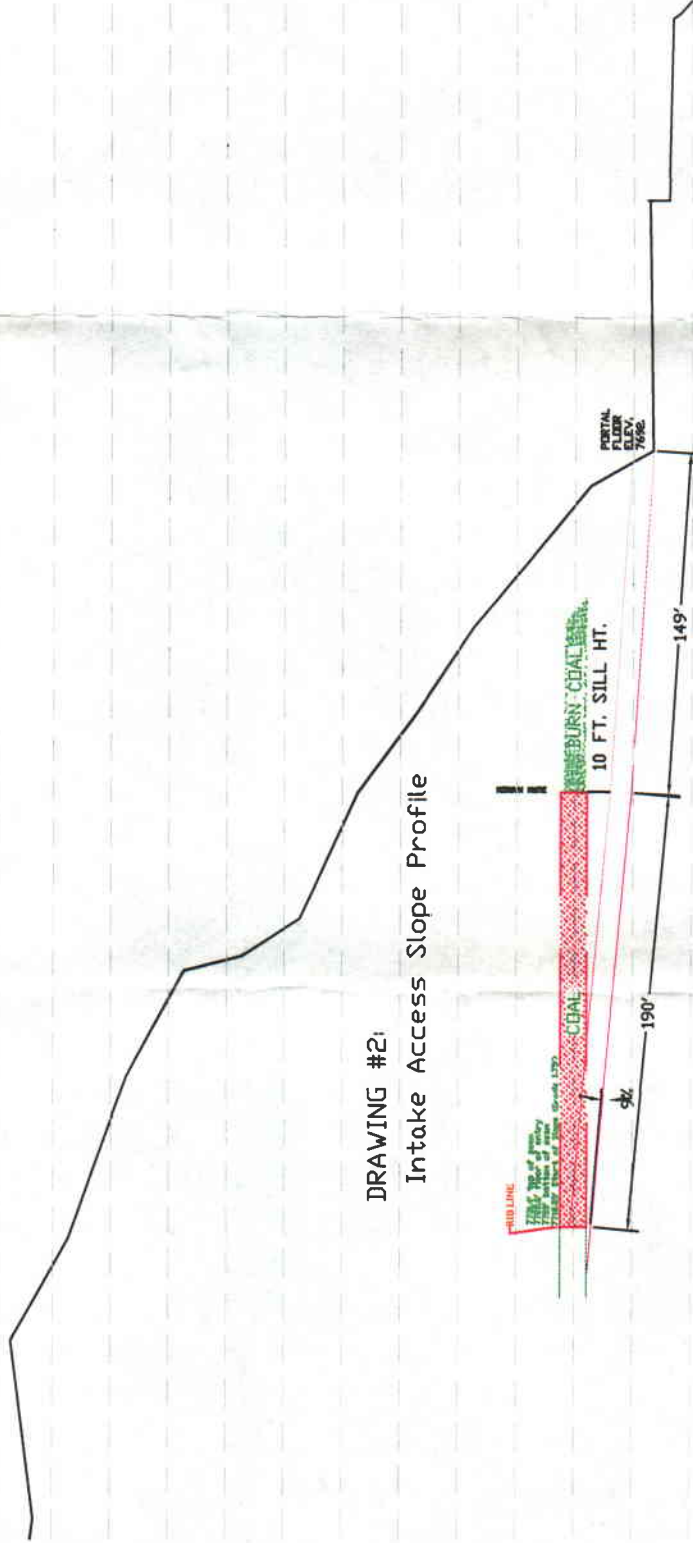
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**ENERGY WEST  
MINING COMPANY**  
HARRISON, UTAH 84403  
**DEER CREEK MINE  
RILDA CANYON INTAKE PORTAL  
BREAKOUT - PLAN VIEW**

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DRAWING #2:  
Intake Access Slope Profile

PROFILE OF INTAKE SLOPE (339 ft. total)

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ENERGY WEST MINING COMPANY HARRINGTON, UTAH 84302	
DEER CREEK MINE RILDA CANYON INTAKE PORTAL BREAKOUT - PROFILE VIEW	
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*Douglas E. Johnson* 10-27-05  
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Longwall Face Location  
As of October 31, 2005

Myell 32-23

12TH

10TH WEST

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